

WEATHER: Rain Tuesday and Wednesday; brisk southeast winds.

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OYAMA AWAITS RESULT OF THE NAVAL BATTLE

Believed to be Too Risky for Japanese to Attempt Operations While Outcome is in the Balance.

RUSSIAN FLEET STEAMING NORTH

Last Reported Fifteen Miles Off Coast of French Indo-China.

IF ROJESTVENSKY REACHES VLADIVOSTOCK THAT CITY MAY BECOME ANOTHER PORT ARTHUR--RUMORS THAT UNITED STATES WILL MEDIATE TO SECURE PEACE.

By Associated Press. Saigon, April 24.--According to the latest news received here the Russian squadron was fifteen miles from the coast. The vessels were steaming northward.

OYAMA AWAITS RESULT OF THE NAVAL BATTLE.

St. Petersburg, April 24.--News from Manchuria indicates that Field Marshal Oyama plans to await the result of the naval battle, it being too risky for the Japanese army to undertake serious operations while the outcome of the sea fight is in the balance. Should Admiral Rojostvensky reach Vladivostock and Admiral Togo still be able to protect the Japanese lines of communication the general belief at the war office is that the Japanese will cut off and invest Vladivostock and make of that place another Port Arthur.

RUMORS OF ANOTHER EFFORT FOR PEACE.

St. Petersburg, April 24.--Mysterious rumors that another attempt at peace negotiations is impending are circulating in high quarters and the United States is directly mentioned as intermediary. The Associated Press has not been able to obtain any confirmation of reports. No intimation of such a move has reached the American embassy, but at the foreign office this afternoon it was stated that an official inquiry would probably be made when President Roosevelt returned to Washington.

BONIFAY SENT FOR COUNTY RECORDS

AS SOON AS CANVASSING BOARD FORMALLY DECIDED ELECTION--NEWS OF WESTVILLE.

Special to The Journal. Westville, April 24.--W. H. Watson, Esq. of Marianna, Fla., is in town today on legal business.

The county commissioners met today and canvassed the vote for the election of the county site, and declared Bonifay to be successful, and in a short time a team was here to carry away the records, but it is thought that the matter is not yet ended and that there will be legal steps taken in the matter.

Hon. L. J. Reeves, of Pensacola, was in town today on legal business, and left for Pensacola on the afternoon train.

Mr. J. R. McLean, of the Alabama and Florida Lumber Co. of Noma, was in town one day last week.

The quarterly conference of the M. E. church South convened here last Sunday, and the presiding elder preached some very interesting sermons while he was here.

Hon. John Neel left here to-day for Tallahassee.

Hon. H. S. Laird, of Milton, came in this morning.

We would like to know whether or not the L. & N. railroad will give another excursion to see the battleships in Pensacola before they leave.

Hon. W. W. Flournoy and Hon. C. M. Cox of DeFuniak Springs, were here today.

Rev. R. C. Gavin, of Ponce De Leon, returned home to-day from the quarterly conference here.

Mr. Wilson and Miss Broxton were married at the residence of the bride's father one day last week.

Mr. Ben Cooper and Miss Minger were married here yesterday.

DEFAULTED BANK FUNDS TO EXTENT OF 1,500,000

President of Big Milwaukee Financial Institution Caught by Recent Slump in Prices on Wheat Market and is Heavily Involved.

PROSECUTION IS HOT AFTER J. MORGAN SMITH

COUNSEL DECLARES THAT HE PURCHASED REVOLVER WITH WHICH CAESAR YOUNG WAS KILLED--MANY WITNESSES IN PATTERSON CASE.

By Associated Press. New York, April 24.--That the prosecution in the Nan Patterson case has not abandoned its contention that the revolver with which Caesar Young was killed was purchased by J. Morgan Smith, was shown during Mr. Rand's opening argument to-day. He challenged the defense to produce the letters which, he said, they claimed to have knowledge of, that would show that Young threatened to commit suicide if he had to give up Miss Patterson. He declared that Young never owned or carried a revolver and made the flat statement: "The revolver that killed Caesar Young was purchased by Joseph Morgan Smith." He reiterated the charge of conspiracy on the part of the Smiths. A number of witnesses were examined to-day.

Result of All League Games Played Yesterday

By Associated Press. Atlanta, April 24.--Results in games played to-day in the Southern League were as follows: Atlanta 8, Montgomery 5; Memphis 6, New Orleans 1; Birmingham 6, Nashville 5--ten innings; Little Rock-Shreveport game postponed on account of rain.

American League. New York, April 24.--American League games played to-day resulted as follows: New York 3, Washington 4; Boston 3, Philadelphia 1; St. Louis 6, Chicago 1; Detroit 2, Cleveland 0.

SHRINERS ARE REACHING HERE

ADVANCE GUARD OF THE BIG CROWD REACHED PENSACOLA LAST NIGHT.

The advance guard of the delegation of Shriners from Jacksonville, reached Pensacola last night. The party was composed of a large number of persons bent upon having a good time, and each and every one enjoyed the trip over to Pensacola.

There are about twenty-four candidates to be initiated Wednesday night in the Masonic hall. This initiation will be followed by a banquet, and it is expected that the occasion will be one of the most enjoyable that has occurred in Masonic circles--excepting the candidates, of course.

Those who arrived last night, and who compose the advance guard, are: W. S. Ware, thirty-third degree, Rabban; Geo. L. Bahl, illustrious recorder; Fred H. Puckhaber, J. W. Ingram, Marian B. Craig, Wm. O. Bellaire, Arab patrol; Clarence S. Hammett, thirty-second degree, illustrious Electrical Director; Robert W. Purdon, Assistant Electrical Director.

Blow Almost Killed Him. To say that the average Shriner is a good fellow as a general thing feebly expresses it. A more noisy, thoroughly good natured bunch of fellows fun loving fellows would be harder to find than the advance guard of the Morocco Temple, who reached here last night.

They reported a most enjoyable trip over and only one incident marred what would have otherwise been a perfect trip. One of the younger members went up against a gold brick game and got buncoed. It was a self-evident fact that he was selected by the sharpers beforehand, owing to his extreme youth and his unworlidity.

The matter was not placed in the hands of the authorities owing to the extreme modesty of the unsophisticated Noble.

AGRICULTURAL NOTES FROM NIX'S PRECINCT.

Special to The Journal. Nix's Precinct, April 24.--The boys looked for "Stevy" Joe last Sunday, and when he didn't show up at high noon, they sent an advance guard to look for him. They came back in about two hours and reported that they discovered a No. 11 shoe print in the mud near the big swamp and they then decided that the hogs had eaten him up.

Quite a few German families have settled near our village. One family planted 100 packages of Mother's oats. They expect a big crop of oat meal next fall. Another one planted the whole place in cabbages and the lady of the house said she hoped she could get a few barrels of sauer kraut in case of sickness.

John Fell, the most successful farmer on Perdido bay is now trying to cross his hogs with thousand legs, so that he can get plenty of hams.

DIRECTORS MADE GOOD THE LOSS

Amount Deposited Sufficient to Protect All Depositors.

DEFAULTER TURNED OVER \$300,000 IN PROPERTY--RUN ON BANK BY DEPOSITORS--BANKER ARRESTED AT HIS HOME IN PRESENCE OF WIFE AND TAKEN BEFORE THE COURT.

By Associated Press. Milwaukee, Wis., April 24.--Frank Bigelow, president of the First National Bank of this city, and former president of the American Bankers' Association, has defaulted bank funds to the extent of \$1,500,000. The directors of the bank have deposited a sum sufficient to protect all depositors. The capital of the bank is \$1,500,000 and the surplus is \$1,200,000. Mr. Bigelow has signed over property amounting to \$300,000, and this with the surplus will meet the amount of his defaultations and, besides the amount subscribed by the directors is over \$1,600,000.

Mr. Bigelow has long occupied a foremost place in the financial transactions of Milwaukee and only last year was president of the American Bankers' Association. He is also prominent in Milwaukee's social set. The Bigelow speculation has cost the Bigelows their name and the bank a large sum of money. In the late autumn wheat deal and the sharp fluctuations of the market which have come during the last few days, Messrs. Bigelow, Sr., and Bigelow, Jr., were caught, and caught for all the bank directors now report.

Late this afternoon, Mr. Bigelow gave out the following formal statement: "I have no excuse to make and I do not care to speak of the motives which I had and had no right to have. Big men among the directors of the bank have come forward in a way that should give confidence to the community. There are no better men in any community and no stronger men financially and the bank will be better and stronger than ever. My family has been kept in ignorance of conditions and their method of living is not to be laid up against them."

Toward the close of banking hours the depositors crowded the bank to draw out their money.

When the federal marshal called at the Bigelow house to serve a warrant the former bank president was in the library with his wife. Mrs. Bigelow refused to withdraw and the warrant was read in her presence. "I'll be ready to go with you at once," said the banker. Then he kissed wife and affectionately farewell and left with the officer, who took him before the federal court.

None of Mr. Bigelow's friends were in court during the brief proceeding. When resolutions were adopted removing Mr. Bigelow from the presi-

Greatest American Actor Passes to Great Beyond

By Associated Press. West Palm Beach, Fla., April 24.--Joseph Jefferson died at his home, "The Reefs," at Palm Beach at 6:15 o'clock last evening. The end came after a day of unconsciousness, and after a heroic struggle of days which had exhausted his vitality. At his death bed were his wife, his sons, Charles B. and Frank Jefferson, his nurse, Miss Mabel Bingham, Dr. R. B. Potter and his faithful old servant, Carl Kettler.

The end was not a surprise to his family. Ever since his last sinking spell, which came after a rally on Thursday morning, and which was followed by an apparent improvement until Friday, the family has been waiting for the end.

Mr. Jefferson's condition Saturday night grew steadily worse, and the family, who had retired, were summoned from their beds, and Dr. Pot-

ter was called. The patient's condition continued to grow worse all through the day, and the brief bulletins from the bedside contained no words of encouragement.

The sickness of Mr. Jefferson which ended in his death, was contracted, it is believed, while on a recent visit to his son, at Hobe Sound, a few miles above Palm Beach, where he went to meet his friend, former President Cleveland. It is believed that from a slight indiscretion in his eating he suffered an attack of indigestion. Since his return to his home this condition grew steadily worse, with slight rallies until the end.

The body of Mr. Jefferson was taken to Buzzard's bay on a special train leaving here this evening, accompanied by all the members of his family who are here. It will reach New York Wednesday morning and the family hope to reach Buzzard's bay the evening of Thursday.

Russian Peasants Boldly Demand Voice in Reforms

By Associated Press. Ivanoff, Saranoff, Russia, April 24.--A peasant society has addressed a strong petition to M. Bouligan, minister of the interior, declaring that as it is the most numerous class and the class which is suffering the most, it should be consulted on the method of

realizing the imperial rescript. The society boldly proclaims itself in favor of the convention of a constituent assembly to decide on the form of government as a condition precedent to the demand for free speech, abolition of a state of siege and the use of whips by cossacks and bayonets by the troops.

Another Sensational Decline in May Wheat

By Associated Press. Chicago, April 24.--May wheat broke again to-day adding a further decline of 7 1/2 cents to the sensational 11 1/2 cents break of Saturday. This recession from the dollar mark, the last

price of the previous session, was rapid and spectacular and was accompanied by demonstrations in the pit almost equal to those of Saturday. The market closed steady with May wheat at 33 cents.

GERMAN OFFICER KILLED HIMSELF

By Associated Press. Newport News, Va., April 24.--Lieut. L. A. Stark of the German cruiser Bremen, now in this port, suicided by shooting himself with a rifle on board the ship to-day. His brother officers say the lieutenant was temporarily insane at the time.

AFTER GAMBLERS AT MARIANNA

SHERIFF LEWIS MAKING IT WARM FOR SPORTING GENTRY--PERSONAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Special to The Journal. Marianna, April 24.--Mr. H. H. Lewis, sheriff is making it mighty hot for the gambling fraternity in this county. Sixteen defendants were marched up to the county judge's court this morning for trial.

Mr. Lewis, though a new sheriff, is doing his duty to the letter, so far as is known. Senator Wilson and the Hon. J. D. Stephens, left for Tallahassee, to-day to enter upon the discharge of their duties in the way of making laws.

We are very soon going to have a hanging in this county, the neck to be furnished by a negro by the name of Tom Spiers, who was convicted here a few weeks ago.

Mrs. A. A. Calhoun, the wife of Capt. Calhoun, died at her home here last Friday night. Mrs. Calhoun will be greatly missed here by her friends and relatives.

THE ROCK CRUSHER IS NOW AT WORK.

The rock crusher, which was brought here recently by the Good Roads demonstrators, is now at work, and during yesterday crushed a large quantity of ballast. In fact the drays could not deliver the rock as fast as it could be crushed by the machinery. The city has decided to repair Romana street, beginning at Palafox and going west, instead of Intendencia street, and the work of leveling the street was begun Saturday. Only a few blocks will be built, however, although it was at first stated that a mile would be constructed.

STORM WARNING ISSUED BY WEATHER BUREAU.

The local weather bureau yesterday received the following storm warning from Washington: "Southern storm warning. Mobile, Pensacola. Storm central over eastern Texas, moving eastward. Brisk to high southeast to south winds will prevail this afternoon and to-night along the middle Gulf coast with increasing east to southeast winds on the West Florida coast."

PROHIBITION BILL IN HOUSE

An Anti-Sunday Baseball Bill Introduced in the Senate.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR BROWARD ON DRAINAGE PROPOSITION EXPECTED SOON. BILL COVERING DRAINAGE TO BE INTRODUCED DURING THE PRESENT WEEK.

Special to The Journal.

Tallahassee, April 24.--The bill amending the charter of the City of Pensacola passed its third reading in the senate this afternoon.

The educational trustee bill was made a special order for to-morrow morning.

In the house Bryan introduced a constitutional amendment prohibiting the sale of liquor in Florida. Also a bill requiring patent medicines to bear the percentage of alcohol.

In the senate Mr. Canova introduced a bill prohibiting Sunday baseball. Governor Broward has prepared a special message to the legislature, which will be transmitted early in the week, on the drainage proposition that formed so important a plank in his platform.

A bill specifically covering the same ground will also be introduced during the week.

The title of this bill may be summarized as follows: An act for the organization of drainage districts, and to place such districts in charge of the Board of Internal Improvements.

These lands will be assessed for the benefit derived from the drainage system proposed by this important measure, while, on the other hand, the owners of such lands as may be injured by the opening of the canals will be duly indemnified.

The principle upon which this bill is based is identical with that upon which a municipality conducts a street paving improvement. The abutting property is assessed its pro rata share of the benefits involved, while any property depreciated in value is protected.

SLIGHT FIRE AT CHATTAHOOCHEE

RESIDENCE OF H. H. SPEAR NARROWLY ESCAPED DESTRUCTION YESTERDAY.

Special to The Journal. Chattahoochee, Fla., April 24.--At noon to-day the residence of Mr. H. H. Spear caught fire in the roof from the kitchen flue and the fire was spreading rapidly when discovered by Mr. Spear's 6-year-old son, who was playing in the back lot, and gave the alarm. The roof was dry and the wind blowing, but with a good well of water on the back porch and the quick and active assistance of neighbors a serious conflagration was averted. Mr. Spear is very grateful for the timely discovery and the kind assistance of both ladies and gentlemen who rushed to the scene.

As the hot, dry weather approaches it is well for everybody to inspect old roofs and kitchen flues. Crops and gardens are suffering from rain although the weather reports have predicted showers the last week, but they did not reach this part of the country.

Easter services were well attended at the Methodist Church yesterday and the church was profusely decorated. Rev. A. M. Mann preached two good sermons.

CELEBRATED NINETIETH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY.

P. J. McKenzie Oertling, probably one of the oldest residents of this section, yesterday celebrated his ninety birthday anniversary, and the event was one of the most enjoyable of the many celebrated by this excellent gentleman.

The affair was strictly among the family, and only relations were invited to be present. Of these there were a large number, and the affair was most enjoyable in every particular.

Mr. Oertling, who resides at Woolsey, on the naval reservation, has many descendants, and they attended the celebration in large numbers.



For several months past there has been trouble in the Republic of San Domingo, necessitating the presence of United States naval vessels to protect the interests of the citizens of this country. The above is a good view of the harbor at the principal seaport of the country.